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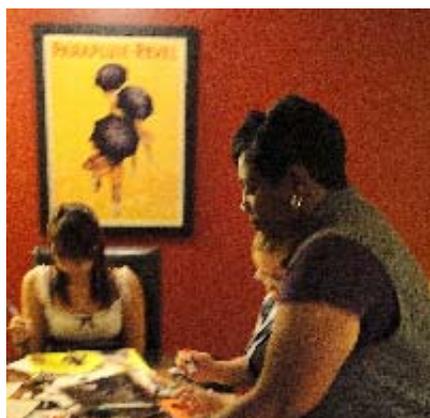
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What Skill Can You Offer?



Find out how you can join our Mentoring Team!  
Find out how!

## Making Friends, Expanding Horizons

We've made the transition! After seven years of providing on-site coaching, encouragement, academic support, life skill activities, and career guidance to emancipated foster girls, we are now working with mentors to train them to do the same off site as we formerly did in a residential setting. But there's MORE! We have begun serving young men, as well, who have aged out of the foster care system or who are soon to age out.

We provide comprehensive training, equipping and follow up for mentors so they may guide, equip and challenge older foster youth in our area who are 18 to 21 years old as these vulnerable youth navigate independence and all that entails. In addition, we are hosting several events a year specifically for these older youth to motivate them and teach them



Guide and encourage an older foster youth

## → Mentoring and Mentor Training

Q: What does it take to be a good mentor?

A: Involvement. More listening than talking. Unconditional Love. Joy. Patience. (No matter where a person is at the start, the more each of these skills is practiced, the more proficient they become. Pretty soon, you'll think you are receiving more than you are giving. But so is the other person.)

Q: I'm really very busy. How much time does it take?

A: A minimum of 1 hour a week. Now is a great time to shirk those activities that weigh you down and enter into a relationship that will give you more joy and purpose than you ever imagined. Time well worth the effort!

Q: What is the training process like?

A: There is an Information Session May 16 for a general overview. Following is a comprehensive training session, starting May 23, to educate and equip mentors to walk alongside a vulnerable, confused, lovely, challenging, lonely, engaging, resilient, intelligent and creative population of young adults.

Q: Why would I want to do this?

A: Why wouldn't you? This could be the start of a wonderful adventure for both people involved, as well as, the community who will be there to support each of you. The only way to go wrong is not to try.

## → Important Dates to Remember



Open House: April 29 drop in from Noon to 6 PM  
Location: 2111 Landings Drive, Mountain View, CA

Information Session: May 16 from 6 to 8 PM

Training Sessions: May 23, 25, June 2, 6, 9 and 13.

Location for Information Session and Training: 2089 Landings Drive, Mountain View, CA (Conference Room B)

Don't miss your adventure!

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Jeremiah's Promise: Bringing Hope to ...

"For I know the Plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to Prosper you and not the Harm you; Plans for Hope and a Future." (NIV Jeremiah 29:11)

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